

## RAILROADS RENEW FIGHT ON REFORMS

"Publicity Bureau" Put to Work Circulating "Right Kind" of Literature.

Object Is to Create Sentiment Against President's Message Demands.

The "publicity bureau" of the railroads and trusts is at work to head off the legislative program of President Roosevelt.

Literature of the "right kind" is being circulated extensively from different cities, designed to combat certain particular demands that the President is expected to voice in his message. One of these is the nationalization of great corporations, another the making of an official physical valuation of the railroads.

It has been declared that the railroads spent a round \$2,000,000 in circulating literature and organizing public opinion in opposition to the Hepburn measure when that proposition was pending. For two years a campaign of publicity such as has never been known outside the national campaign of 1896 was carried on by the literary bureaus of the railroads. Most of the work was done from Chicago, but subsidiary bureaus were established in other cities.

Copies of Document Received. In view of the lamentable failure of that campaign, it has caused much wonder in Washington that the anti-administration interests are again taking up the "faded news" expedient. But copies of numerous documents have been received by officials watching the drift of things, which show what is going on.

Especially is the proposal to make a valuation of the railroads to be brought under criticism. It is urged that such a thing as a valuation of the railroads is inherently impossible; that nobody can tell or find out what they are worth. This seems funny to the Interstate Commerce Commission, but it is urged by opponents that a valuation, if it could be made, would be dangerous because damages would take it as the basis from which to initiate all sorts of attacks on the values of railroad securities. Still another claim argues that it would be very expensive, and when finished absolutely useless.

Issue Will Be Large One.

It is recognized that whether the President in his message asks for a valuation or not, the issue will be large. La Follette is ready to force consideration of it at every possible opportunity, and Senator Doolittle of Iowa is reported to have been spending much of his vacation in work on it, being convinced that something of the kind must soon be added to the railroad legislation. The Interstate Commerce Commission, with perhaps the exception of one member, believes the valuation ought to be made. The Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce both turn up strongly opposed to such policy. The House Committee on Rules will likewise just as earnestly oppose such a measure unless the President and Speaker Cannon include it in their protocol for the government of the session's business. Thus far it is understood they have not got together and made terms.

Will Stand With President.

The House Committee on Interstate Commerce is likely to be for a valuation bill. Colonel Hepburn, its chairman, has strongly declared himself on some kindred points, and it is believed will line up for the valuation. But he will go no step beyond the demands of the President, and will not be found asking the committee to push out such a bill unless the President is committed to it and uses pressure to get it.

The constitutional lawyers are going to be busier than ever before. The early bureau literature shows this. It demonstrates the unconstitutionality of pretty much everything proposed on any subject—Federal incorporation, Federal license, valuation of railroads, and control of capitalization by the General Government.

## ART NEEDLEWORK SHOWN, FREE COURSE GIVEN

The excellent display of art needlework and fancy embroidery now going on in the windows and on the first floor of Mayer & Co.'s store, at 409 to 417 Seventh street, is well worth a visit from every woman interested in home attractiveness.

Miss Gaffney, who made all these handsome pieces on the White sewing machine, is in personal charge and gives instruction to all who desire it. The exhibit is free and will continue until Thursday.

## PLEADS BEING "SOUSED," BUT COURT LEVIES FINE

Discharging firearms on the street was the offense charged in the Police Court today against James Smothers. Ten dollars fine or thirty days in the workhouse was the penalty. Policeman Cole, of the Fourth precinct, said he heard the report on Four-and-a-half street near C street southwest, Sunday night and pursued Smothers, whom he saw running.

Smothers averred in court that it would have been a physical impossibility for him to have attained any high location Sunday night. "Ah, was sooused," said Smothers. "When Ah could run when Ah was sooused."

POLICEMAN GETS \$250 REWARD.

J. E. Darnell, superintendent of the reform school, has presented to Private T. J. Roberts, of the Metropolitan police force, a check for \$250 as a reward for the capture of Alfred Magruder, an inmate of that institution.

Policeman Darnell will be permitted to keep the check less 20 per cent to be placed to the credit of the clothing and helmet fund of the police department.

## Grant Favored South, Then Joined the North

—Mrs. Willa Fyffe

Wife of Former Ohio General Tells of Rumors That Union Man Offered to Serve in the Confederate Army.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 12.—Concerning the alleged tender by Gen. U. S. Grant of his services to the Confederacy, Mrs. Willa Fyffe, of this city, has an interesting story. Mrs. Fyffe is the widow of Col. James F. Fyffe, of the Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the civil war, who lived at Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, and his regiment came from Brown and Clermont counties. Mrs. Fyffe says:

"General Grant lived as a boy at Georgetown, Ohio, and went to West Point from that place by appointment from Congressman Thomas L. Hamer, who afterward became General Hamer, of Mexican war fame."

"As a boy, General Grant was well known throughout the county and was usually referred to as 'Lys' Grant."

Offered Services. "About the time of Lincoln's inauguration, when the war talk was getting warm, and the South was preparing for action, there came a rumor to the effect that Captain Grant, who had resigned from the United States Army, would go with the Confederate forces. This made him popular among the element of Brown county people, who afterward became known as 'Copperheads' and 'Vandalizingham men.' When the hostilities finally began, and it became a question of firing upon the flag, the Democratic sentiment which had opposed the war changed and the county nearly as a whole became intensely loyal to the Union."

Joined Illinois Forces. "It was then reported that Captain Grant had changed his mind, as a great many Brown county people had done, and had offered his services to the governor of Illinois, who had accepted them. All of this created very little talk or discussion at the time, because Captain Grant was not then a man of much prominence, and other questions of more moment drove it out of the public mind. Later in the war, when he had become a major general, there was more talk on the subject, but General Grant had become a popular hero and no attention was paid to it."

## THREE SMALL FIRES KEEP ENGINES GOING

Total Loss Amounts to Nearly \$3,000—Fireman's Foot Crushed.

Three early morning fires kept the department busy after midnight, and did nearly \$3,000 damage.

Shortly before 1 o'clock fire was discovered in the frame house, at 319 G street southeast, owned by F. E. Martin, of 1540 Columbia road. The house was occupied by Timothy Murphy, who rented part of the first floor from William Hiltnerburger, who conducted a small grocery in the front room.

Hiltnerburger's stock was damaged to the extent of \$300. The loss is covered by insurance. Furniture belonging to Murphy was damaged to the extent of \$300. It was fully insured. The police believe the fire started from a lamp in the window of the grocery.

While responding to the alarm, No. 8 hose cart collided at North Carolina avenue and Fifth street southwest, with a heavy delivery wagon of the same company. Both the hose cart and the delivery wagon were damaged.

One of the hose cart horses was severely injured, and William Acton, the driver, had his right foot crushed. Harvey Hinely, driver for the Auto Company, was not hurt.

Fire about 2:30 o'clock gutted the frame house in Messer street, Anacostia, occupied by Nathaniel James colored. The damage is estimated at \$1,500, which is partly covered by insurance.

The blaze was caused by an overheated stove on the first floor.

Spontaneous combustion was responsible for a small fire about 7 o'clock in the store in the rear of 48 Florida avenue northwest. The damage was nominal.

About 10:30 o'clock last night a fire was discovered in a vault in the east end of the Pension office. The blaze was confined to a pile of paper, and did no damage.

Warship Building Still Criticized in Navy Editorial.

Serious errors in battleship construction continue to be made by the Navy Department regardless of the warnings of the Board of Inspection and Survey, according to the leading editorial in the November issue of the Navy.

It charges that there are many defects in all the new battleships, arising from the "helter-skelter method" with which planning and building is carried on. The placing of electric junction boxes in the handling rooms just outside the doors of the magazines is cited. "The present position of these and other junction boxes, and of various switches in the turrets is such as to involve continual danger of explosion," the article declares. "yet this installation was made in the Tennessee and Washington after years of complaint against it."

It is pointed out also that in the Washington, Tennessee, and Connecticut, electric wires have been led through the magazines, which is considered highly dangerous.

Reorganization of the administration system of the Navy Department is recommended as the only cure for imperfections which threaten to be perpetual in future ships. The entire work of the department should be grouped under three distinct divisions. It is asserted—construction and repair, fleet and personnel, and financial. The present power of the separate bureaus to issue independent orders of the same authority as orders directly from the Secretary of the Navy is the root of the present evils and should be abolished, says the article in concluding.

OKLAHOMA PROCLAMATION.

In response to a request, the Department of Justice has sent to the State Department an official copy of the Oklahoma constitution. Work on the proclamation, which is to usher the new State into the sisterhood of States has already begun. It will be ready for the President's signature on November 16.

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## J. N. SEALE'S BODY GOES TO TENNESSEE

Sudden Death of Southern Railway Official of Pneumonia.

The body of Jesse Newton Seale, manager of the Northern and Eastern districts of the Southern railway, who died yesterday afternoon in George Washington University Hospital, was forwarded at 11 o'clock this morning to Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. Seale became ill Friday night while en route from Norfolk, Va., to Spencer, N. C. It was discovered Saturday morning that his entire left side was paralyzed, and he returned to Washington, remaining in his special car all of Saturday night. He was removed Sunday morning to the George Washington University Hospital, where symptoms of pneumonia were discovered. He died yesterday at 3 p. m.

Mr. Seale was forty-four years old, and had been connected with the Southern railway four years. In March of this year he was placed in charge of Northern and Eastern districts, with the title of manager.

His Washington home was at the Cairo.

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## SIX PERSONS DIE IN HOTEL FIRE; GUESTS IN PANIC

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 12.—Six persons are dead as a result of a disastrous fire which swept the upper stories of the Hotel Garde last night.

Hundreds of guests of the hotel, the biggest in the State of Connecticut, were thrown into a panic and rushed into the streets clad only in their night robes as the flames swept through the wooden structure.

Patrick Anter, a porter, was killed by the snapping of a rope with which he was lowering himself to the street from the fourth story.

Five other employees sleeping on the same floor were suffocated by the dense smoke.

Starting in the north wing, following a violent explosion, the fire spread rapidly and ravaged the upper stories of the hotel to the extent of \$50,000 before the firemen could get it under control.

Their bodies had been clutched by the fire, and so fearfully burned that they were unrecognizable.

The Hotel Garde is a big wooden structure, covering two acres of ground, located within a hundred yards of the railroad station, and opposite the big general offices of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. It contains 500 rooms, and is a favorite resort of the traveling public, owing to its proximity to the railroad. It has long been regarded as a fire trap, having been rebuilt to its present form from the old Pavilion House, ten years ago.

CLEVELAND GOES HUNTING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The pessimists who have been apprehensive over the ill health of Grover Cleveland are mistaken in their anxiety, for the former President went on an all-day shooting expedition yesterday. Mr. Cleveland left Princeton at 9 o'clock in the morning in company with C. E. Priest, bound for the game preserve of William Macfarlane at Rocky Hill, five miles from Princeton.

Long after sundown the former President returned with a fine bag of woodcock, quail and rabbit.

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